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FACILITATING ELECTRONIC  
COMMERCE THROUGH TWO-TIERED  
ELECTRONIC MARKETS AND  
AUCTIONS



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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 28, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read --FACILITATING ELECTRONIC COMMERCE  
THROUGH TWO-TIERED ELECTRONIC MARKETS AND AUCTIONS--.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the current Abstract and substitute the following:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

A computer-implemented two-tiered electronic market system includes a data repository storing information corresponding to an inventory of one or more available items and a first-tier electronic market (e.g., a retail tier) that provides a first participant (e.g., a

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